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SPECIAL BULLETIN

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To: All Training Officers of the Agency

DISCONTINUANCE OF AMERICANS ABROAD ORIENTATIONS

Effective 18 January 1965, the Office of Training will discontinue its current program of Americans Abroad Orientations. The subject matter of the AAO's hereafter will be included in OTR's regularly scheduled Dependents Briefing.

The Dependents Briefing is at present a six-hour program especially directed to wives who are going overseas under official cover. Its content will be expanded so as to direct it to both wives and employees, especially those preparing to leave for their first overseas tour. It will consist of lectures and discussions on the Agency's role in the intelligence community and in international problems, individual security, medical needs and care, living under a cover, and generally the everyday problems that are most likely to be encountered in a foreign country.

It is assumed that employees will have the required professional knowledge of the areas to which they are assigned. However, for those who have a special need for an introductory course on a particular area, the Office of Training will arrange attendance at one of the interdepartmental Area and Country Programs given by the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State. The Area and Country Program is an intensive, three-week course, generally given monthly, on the principal regions of the world, except Western Europe. In addition to members of CIA, the programs are attended by officers of the Department of Defense, AID, USIA, NSA and other agencies or departments of the U.S. Government. Each program on a region (see Schedule at the end) includes the geography and history of the region, its economic, political and social structure, its religion and national character, and the problems of

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cross-cultural communication. Lectures and discussions are presented by representatives from Government and from the academic and business world.

The Dependents Briefing is scheduled through June, 1965 at the Headquarters Building on the afternoons of 2 and 3 February, 2 and 3 March, 6 and 7 April, 4 and 5 May, and 1 and 2 June. Request for a dependent or an employee to attend will be made on Form 73, "Request for Internal Training," which is sent by the Training Officer to the Registrar/OTR. Registration closes on the Wednesday before the briefing.

The schedule of FSI's Area and Country Program, also through June, is:

	1-19 Feb	1-19 Mar	29 Mar 16 Apr	26 Apr 14 May	24 May 11 Jun	21 Jun 9 Jul
Eastern Europe and the USSR(2)	"			"		
Latin America(6)	"	"	"	"	"	"
Near East and North Africa(6)	"	"	"	"	"	"
Africa, Sub-Sahara(6)	"	"	"	"	"	"
South Asia(6)	"	"	"	"	"	"
Southeast Asia(6)	"	"	"	"	"	"
East Asia(3)	"	"			"	

Request to attend is made on Form 136, "Request for Training at a Non-CIA Facility," which is sent by the Training Officer through the required officers to the Registrar/OTR. Registration closes in the Registrar's office well in advance of FSI's deadline for admission, which is one week before the beginning date of a program.

Further information on the revised Dependents Briefing and on the FSI program will be published in OTR Bulletins.

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